



**CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT**  
**777 East William Street, Suite 110A**  
**Carson City, NV 89701**  
**775/887-7450, fax 775/887-7457**

August 1, 2017

Subject: Watershed-Wide FEMA Discovery and Carson River Floodplain Management Plan Updates

Dear (insert):

The Carson Water Subconservancy District invites you to attend a Carson River Coalition Floodplain and River Management Working Group meeting:

August 15, 2017  
1.30 pm to 4.30 pm  
Nevada Room at the Governor's Mansion  
606 Mountain Street, Carson City, NV 89703  
(See Draft Agenda attached)

The meeting will cover all areas of the Carson River watershed from Alpine County, California, to Lahontan Reservoir and downstream through Churchill County.

The bulk of this meeting, from **1:30 pm – 3:30 pm**, will be focused on a FEMA Discovery and Carson River Floodplain Management Plan Updates to discuss the Risk MAP Discovery process for the Carson River watershed. As part of FEMA's Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning (Risk MAP) program, CWSD will be working with communities along the Carson River to enhance understanding of flood risk and mitigation efforts. Many of you participated in a similar effort in 2012 and understand the importance of identifying future restudies and projects.

At this meeting we ask that each community or agency, as applicable, submit any of the following data that has been generated or updated since the last Discovery process:

- Aerial mapping or LiDAR based topography
- Flood hazard studies
- Hazard mitigation plans
- Any GIS layers relevant to flood hazard mitigation (flood control structure locations, inundation limits, etc.)

Data can be submitted via DVD or other removable storage, or by file transfer protocol (ftp). Data can be mailed or hand delivered to the 777 E. William Street, #110A, Carson City, NV 89701, or sent electronically using the following link: <https://eftp.mbakerintl.com/>

As nearly every community along the Carson River was subject to damages as a result of flooding over the past year, it is important that the communities share their knowledge and experiences and seek the best solutions to prevent flood damages. The Risk MAP Discovery is a process where FEMA works closely with communities to better understand local flood risks, mitigation efforts, etc., and to spur watershed-wide discussions about increasing the area's resilience after flooding. The Discovery process identifies areas at risk for flooding and solutions for reducing that risk on a watershed-wide basis. This is part of an ongoing process that is revised every five years to review information to date, such as flooding history, stormwater and floodplain management activities, as well as new information as a result of recent floods, and try to fill in any gaps in the data. An updated Discovery Report will be developed that summarizes the data collected for the watershed and identifies priority restudy needs and mitigation projects. This information will also be used to update the Carson River Watershed Floodplain Management Plan including flood management and mitigation efforts on a watershed-wide basis.

Updating the Discovery process is an important step in determining where Risk MAP projects are needed within the watershed, not only for individual jurisdictions but for all users or those affected by the river or flooding. The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Provide an overview of the process
- Discuss the previous Reports and this update
- Start gathering your feedback on recent events and potential projects
- Gather data and study information
- Discuss the project timeline

We thank you for supporting this effort and encourage you to attend this important meeting. County officials, floodplain managers, planners, engineers, emergency managers, GIS staff and any other representative you deem appropriate are all invited, and we ask that you pass along a copy of this invitation to whomever should attend this meeting. The partnership between FEMA and all communities is vital to our success in identifying flood risks and needs that may exist. To learn more, please contact Brenda Hunt, our Watershed Program Manager, [brenda@cwsd.org](mailto:brenda@cwsd.org) (775.887.9005). Your continued partnership is critical to the successful completion of these floodplain management planning efforts! We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,



Edwin D. James  
General Manager  
[edjames@cwsd.org](mailto:edjames@cwsd.org)  
775.887.7456

EDJ/dn/bh